

established from one ocean to the other ; villages and towns are about rising on all sides. Then we can do without the alms of our brethren in Europe ; but that day will not see any break in the chain of charity which unites the vicariate to your splendid society. No, then the society will be found flourishing amongst us, happy in being able in our turn to contribute to the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus-Christ in less favored countries. I ask you to take a tour with me

THROUGH THIS IMMENSE VICARIATE.

We have doubled the Cape of Good Hope and for some days we sail along magnificent coasts, which have the effect of an English park, with its green sward interrupted by groves and groups of trees. We land at Port Natal, about two miles from the town of Urban, to which it is united by a railway. Urban is the commercial town of the Natal colony ; it has about 10,000 inhabitants, of all races and of every color. Here, as everywhere else, the Christian education of youth is our first care. The building of the church can wait ; but youth cannot wait, it grows ; in a few years it will form a new Christian, an impious, or indifferent society, according to the way in which it will be developed. We therefore began by building at Urban fine schools, entrusted to the Sisters of the Holy Family. An infant school, a primary school, a superior school for young girls, are all provided there. We also required a school for the boys. We were too poor to be able to build one, but we were allowed to convert our poor little church into a school during the week. An Oblate Father, assisted by a lay brother, has charge of it. Oh ! that we had the means to build a suitable church here ! Perhaps St. Joseph, patron of this parish, will inspire some Christian soul with the idea of assisting us to realize this desire ! Let us leave Urban, its port, its noble cliffs, and its almost tropical vegetation, and go on to

PIETERMARITZBURG, THE CAPITAL OF THE COLONY.

I do not ask to go by rail ; they are working at a railway, but it will take two years to finish it. Let us get